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TAGS: PINS, CE

SUBJ: JAFFNA MAYOR ASSASSINATED

1. ALFRED DURAIYAPPAH, MAYOR OF JAFFNA, WAS ASSASSINATED BY THREE MASKED GUNMEN EVENING JULY 27, DURAIYAPPAH, VETERAN TAMIL POLITICIAN, LEADER OF SRI LANKA FREEDOM PARTY JAFFNA BRANCH, AND CONFIDANT OF PRIME MINISTER'S SON ANURA BANDARANAIKE, DIED INSTANTLY OF MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS. ASSAILANTS REMAIN AT LARGE. JAFFNA ACTING GOVERNMENT AGENT TOLD EMBASSY AFTERNOON JULY 28 THAT JAFFNA AND ENVIRONS ARE CALM.

2. COMMENT: THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AGAINST PRO UNITED FRONT OFFICIALS IN JAFFNA AREA AND SEVERAL ALLEGED SABOTAGE INCIDENTS IN LAST TEN MONTHS. TAMIL LEADERS CONCEDE PRIVATELY THAT MAN YOUNGER POLITICAL ACTIVISTS HAVE SWUNG SHARPLY TOWARDS GOAL OF COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE FOR TAMIL AREAS. YOUGH FACTION REPORTEDLY FEELS VIOLENCE IS ONLY MEANS TO ATTAIN GOALS AND THERE ARE INCREASING INDICATIONS AGING TAMIL UNITED FRONT LEADERSHIP CAN NO LONGER KEEP YOUTH IN CHECK.

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DURAIYAPPAH ASSASSINATION IS LIKELY TO INCREASE

COMMUNAL TENSIONS UNLESS GSL CAN SHOW ASSAILMENTS  
HELD MOTIVES OTHER THAN FURTHERING TAMIL SEPARATIST  
MOVEMENT. ASSASSINATION IS ALSO ONE MORE INDICATION  
THAT GSL HAS BEEN LESS THAN SUCCESSFUL IN ITS  
EFFORTS OVER PAST TWO YEARS TO SEEK POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION  
WITH TAMILS IN THE NORTH.  
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